

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1139

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served May 20, 1971

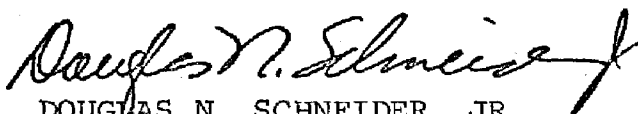
Exemption From Regulation)
No. 106-04 For Shirley)
Highway Demonstration Project)

By letter dated April 27, 1971, the Alexandria, Barcroft and Washington Transit Company (A.B. & W.) informed us that as a part of the Shirley Highway Demonstration Project it desires to operate vehicles leased from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission which are equipped with the so-called Environmental Improvement Kit. This equipment includes a vertical exhaust stack. This type of tail pipe is prohibited by our Safety Regulation 106-04 which says "Vertical exhaust pipes are prohibited where exhaust fumes are more than three (3) feet above the street level." A.B. & W. seeks a waiver of that portion of regulation 106-04 so that it can operate the leased vehicles.

Under a demonstration grant project with the United States Department of Transportation, we, with the cooperation of D. C. Transit System, Inc., are testing the exhaust emission reduction effectiveness of the Environmental Improvement Kit. For purposes of that test, we waived regulation 106-04 for the test vehicles by Order No. 1064 issued July 9, 1970. We are satisfied from our experience with the equipment operated under that waiver that a waiver for the buses to be operated by A.B. & W. on the Shirley Highway Project is appropriate.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that the provision of Regulation 106-04 relating to vertical exhaust pipes be, and it is hereby, waived as to buses equipped with the Environmental Improvement Kit leased by the Alexandria, Barcroft and Washington Transit Company from the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission and operated as part of the Shirley Highway Demonstration Project.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:


DOUGLAS N. SCHNEIDER, JR.
Executive Director